

## FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Last District Day for the Present Session.

Internal Revenue Bill Discussed in the Senate—Bill Day in the House—Three Appropriation Bills Passed without Discussion—Thirty-five Millions in Bon Dollars Appropriated—District Bills.

## SENATE.

MONDAY, Feb. 17, 1879.  
Mr. WADLEIGH, from the Committee on Patents, reported favorably on Senate bill to extend the patent of Sheldon S. Hartshorn for an improvement in buckles. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. WINDON presented a petition of the Negro Committee of Association of Shreveport, La., favoring the passage of a resolution in favor of the migration of colored people. It was signed by a large number of ministers representing colored congregations of that place. Laid on the table, the resolution now being before the Senate.

Mr. COOPER presented a report on Foreign Relations, reported favorably on Senate bill to provide for compensation to E. G. Rice for services transferred to him by the United States at Hakkodai, Japan, and to his Japanese representatives at that place. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. HARRIS, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported favorably on House bill to perfect the title of the District of Columbia in the District of Columbia. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. MERRIMAN, from the same committee, reported on Senate bill for the relief of H. D. & H. S. Walbridge and two others.

Mr. PARKER submitted a resolution to print 500,000 copies of the report of the Commissioner of Education for the year 1878. Referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. MORRILL moved to reconsider the vote by which the House bill authorizing the conversion of the public land of the West was passed. He then submitted several amendments to correct errors and perfect the bill, but not changing its main purpose of providing means for raising money for the construction of roads.

The bill was then read a second time. Mr. RICE called up the resolution to pay Joseph Segar \$5000 for expenses in prosecuting his claim against the State of Virginia for the state of Virginia in 1863, but objection was made that it did not have a special act of Congress.

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Mr. EWING asked Mr. Sparks to change the motion to bring up the bill for consideration, in view of the fact that it would be offering no means for raising the requisite amount of money.

Mr. SPARKS refused to modify his motion.

The bill and motions were ordered, and although the bill was agreed to, the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill was agreed to yesterday, Feb. 17, 1879.

Mr. SPARKS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill and the bill was passed.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD moved that the House adjourn.

The bill was then read a third time. When business was in order, the House refused to adjourn without a division.

Mr. SPARKS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill and the bill was passed.

Mr. ANTHONY submitted a resolution calling upon the House to appropriate for the payment of all appropriations and expenditures of the government of the United States for paper, printing, binding, lithographing, engraving, &c., from March 4, 1878, to April 1, 1879, the remaining balance of the bill of cost, and two-thirds of the amount of business was in order, but the House refused to adjourn without a division.

The bill was agreed to—yesterday, Feb. 17, 1879.

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Mr. MORRILL moved to postpone the bill to Friday next to promote the education of the blind.

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Mr. MORRILL moved to consider bills on the calendar, and the following were passed:

Senate bill to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at Decatur, Neb.

Senate bill relating to the construction of professors of mathematics in the navy.

House bill to promote a knowledge of steam engineering and from ship-building among the students of scientific schools or colleges in the United States.

Mr. MORRILL submitted an amendment to limit the amount of money to be spent on the construction of the U.S. Naval Observatory.

Pending discussion, the time allotted to the consideration of bills on the calendar expired, and it was adjourned.

Mr. FENNY gave notice that when the pending bill should be considered he would submit an amendment to reduce that bill by half last year, which failed in, reducing the amount of money of mail matter, &c., with the features to which the House objected to regarding the admitting foreign books through the main and the franking privilege omitted.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the unadjusted bill, and the House bill to amend the same to reduce the amount of money.

Mr. DUNN moved to postpone the present and all prior orders, in order that the Senate might take up the Senate bill of appropriation.

Mr. MORRILL moved to the Senate not to waste time as what bill had to have precedence. He asked unanimous consent that the revenue bill be sent to the Senate in order that the post-office appropriation bill should be readied.

Several Senators on the Democratic side, No. 40, etc., voted for the bill.

Mr. BAYARD. Those who wanted to expedite business were here Saturday night to pass this bill.

Friends of the bill, who had been here from eleven a. m. to seven p. m., were willing to stay longer, but the Senate adjourned so early that they had to get some refreshments. It was their absence that an adjournment was carried.

Mr. BAYARD, from the six largest appropriation bills, even to the amount of \$100,000, will put upon the bill of the extra session to be held on the 1st of March.

It is important to act upon this revenue bill, so that the Senate might know what amount of money the Government was to have for its various institutions to be used in the Post Office appropriation bill. The same course should just to its creditors before being governed.

Mr. DUNN said several members of the Finance Committee thought this revenue bill would cause a decrease of \$600,000 per annum in our revenue, but the Senate rejected it yesterday, Feb. 25, 1879, as follows:

Years—Miles, Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Burbridge, Cameron (Wis.), Charles Conover, Davies, Duray, Farnsworth, French, Giddings, Green, Hart, Hildreth, Hill, Jones (Fla.), Jones (Nev.), Kerman, Lester, McPherson, Morrison, P. T. Parsons, May, McMurtry, Mitchell, Morris, Muller, Newell, Noyes, Pease, Reed, Sherman, Thurman, Voorhees, Walker, Whyte, and Winslow.

After debate by Messrs. BAYARD, MORRILL, and the Finance Committee, covering the first fifty-six sections of the Revised Statutes, to the form and method of assessing and collecting the revenue, but not affecting the present laws, were agreed to without opposition, excepting the tax on manufactured tobacco having been reduced, it gave rise to further debate.

Mr. WHITFORD introduced an amendment to have the revenue taken off the 1st of June, instead of September, as proposed in the House, or April, as proposed by the Senate Finance Committee.

Pending discussion the Senate, at half past five p. m., went into executive session, with the understanding that the doors should be reopened for the reception of the public.

At 6:30 the doors were reopened.

Mr. COOPER presented the memorial of the board of directors of the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange, asking for \$100,000 for the Howgeorge expedition.

Mr. MCNICHOLS from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendment, House bill to provide for the admission of the State of Fort Scott, Kansas. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. BAYARD introduced a bill imposing a license on trades, business, and professions practised or carried on in the District of Columbia and provided for the enforcement and collection of fines and penalties for every a day a number of cases were held without license. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the bill, and the bill was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

After some further discussion, Mr. WHITFORD modified his amendment so as to insert May 1 instead of June 1.

The amendment of Mr. WHITFORD to insert May 1 was rejected—yesterday, Feb. 25, 1879.

The question then arose on the amendment of the 1st of September, April 1, 1879, and it was agreed to without a division.

Mr. MCNICHOLS submitted an amendment to reduce the tax on salt to sixteen cents per pound, instead of twenty.

The Senate was still in session when our report closed.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Under the call of states the following bills were introduced and referred:

By Mr. BLISS: To continue the improvement of the Hudson River and canal thereto from the Hudson River.

By Mr. ALEXON: Resolutions of the Louisiana Legislature protesting against the proceedings of the United States Circuit Court at New Orleans in prosecutions against citizens of various parts of Louisiana.

By Mr. BANNING: For the disposal of certain United States property in Cincinnati.

By Mr. YOUNG: To prevent the introduction of contagious disease, and to establish a board of health.

By Mr. BUTLER: In regard to executors in the District of Columbia.

By Mr. FEYER: Resolutions of the temperature committee to prohibit the sale of opium and opiate drugs in the United States.

Government bonds were strong.

Interest rates were strong and higher. New Jersey court taxes sold up to 100 for can-litigated first class, 95 for convertible assented, 90 for admittance, 60 for incomes, 72 for Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre to over 200 persons.

to the expiration of the morning hour, the Speaker proceeded to call the States for resolutions, beginning with the State of Maine.

Mr. ROSS moved to adjourn, but yielded to have a resolution offered by Mr. Hale.

Mr. HALE then offered the resolution.

Mr. COOPER's resolution to protect the Treasury of the United States.

It recites the attempts made in committee rooms and in the House to pass claims arising out of operations of the government during the war by the army engaged in suppressing the rebellion, and also the resolution offered on the 12th of November, 1877, by Mr. Hunter, of Indiana, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. COOPER's resolution to protect the Treasury from the demands of the contractors.

It recites the attempts made to propose an amendment to the Constitution forbidding the payment of war claims, except those of persons who had remained loyal to the Union.

Mr. EDGES insisted on his motion to adjourn, unless the gentleman would allow amendments so as to prevent the Treasury. The resolution itself did not prevent the Treasury.

Mr. HALE hoped that the gentleman would not filibuster on the resolution.

Mr. COOPER's resolution was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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